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Strength of Coast Guard
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people saved by the Indian Coast Guard in various search and rescue operations and medical evacuation including sinking merchant ships during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to expand the strength of Coast Guards in view of the increasing threat through coastal lines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) The number of persons saved by Indian Coast Guard during Search and Rescue (SAR) operations and medical evacuations during the last three years is as follows:

Year SAR Medical Evacuation

2013 583 10
2014 332 28
2015 356 29
2016
(till date) 215 12

(b) & (c): In an expanding organization like the Indian Coast Guard, the increase in strength is a continuous process. The sanctioned strength of Coast Guard has increased from 8,006 in 2009 to 15,265 at present.
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